

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete listing of the claims in this application, reflects all changes currently being made to the claims, and replace all earlier versions and all earlier listings of claims.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A hand-held device for transferring a film from a backing tape onto a substrate, said device comprising:
 - a housing in which a supply of the backing tape is arranged; and
 - an application member projecting from said housing and having a front end with a free end and at least a first application edge and a second application edge, the backing tape being wound around said free end and said application edges of said application member and extending into said housing with tape sections at a lower longitudinal side of said application member facing the substrate during operation and at an upper longitudinal side of said application member opposite said lower longitudinal side; wherein:
 - said second application edge projects from said lower longitudinal side of said application member,
 - said first application edge and said second application edge are linear, and
 - said first application edge and said second application edge are arranged asymmetrically in relation to a longitudinal axis of said application member.
2. (Previously Presented) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein:
 - said first and second application edges have mid-central planes enclosing an angle of approximately 30° to 120°.
3. (Original) A hand-held device according to claim 2,
 - wherein said mid-central planes of said first and second application edges enclose an angle of about 45° to 90°.
4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein:
the height of said second application edge is greater than a cross-sectional
dimension of said first application edge.
6. (Previously Presented) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein:
said application member has a shaft; and
the height of said second application edge is greater than a cross-sectional
dimension of said shaft of said application member.
7. (Previously Presented) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein:
the cross-sectional shape of said second application edge is convergent.
8. (Previously Presented) A hand-held device according to claim 7, wherein:
the cross-sectional shape of said second application edge is wedge-shaped.
9. (Previously Presented) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein:
said housing has a lower border and a bottom side; and
said second application edge extends beyond at least one of said adjacent
lower border of said housing or said bottom side of said housing.
10. (Canceled)
11. (Original) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein said application
member has a front end portion movable upwards against an elastic restoring force.
12. (Previously Presented) A hand-held device according to claim 11, wherein:
said application member has a rear end portion fixedly held in said housing;
and
said application member is elastically flexible in a vertical direction in at least
a partial area of its length.

13. (Original) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein said application member is rotatably mounted about a swivel axis extending in said housing upwards against an elastic restoring force.

14. (Previously Presented) A hand-held device according to claim 1, further comprising at least one guiding web projecting backwards from a backside of said second application edge on at least one side, said at least one guiding web having an inner side guiding the backing tape being wound around said second application edge.

15. (Original) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein said second application edge is offset backwards in relation to said first application edge in a direction closer to said housing.

16. (Original) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein said first application edge is the front end of a longitudinally extending shaft of said application member.

17. (Original) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein said application member is formed with a necking.

18. (Original) A hand-held device according to claim 17, wherein:
said application member has a rear end closer to said housing than said front end; and said necking is formed at said rear end of said application member.

19.-26. (Canceled)

27. (New) A hand-held device for transferring a film from a backing tape onto a substrate, said device comprising:

a housing in which a supply of the backing tape is arranged; and
an application member projecting from said housing and having a front end with a free end and at least a first application edge and a second application edge, the backing tape being wound around said free end and said application edges of said

application member and extending into said housing with tape sections at a lower longitudinal side of said application member facing the substrate during operation and at an upper longitudinal side of said application member opposite said lower longitudinal side; wherein:

said second application edge projects from said lower longitudinal side of said application member,

said first application edge and said second application edge are linear,

said first application edge and said second application edge are arranged asymmetrically in relation to a longitudinal axis of said application member, and

said first application edge, said second application edge and said application member are integral.